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- Prior to 28 November 1952, the Pionier Kaserne in Dessau-Rossau was occupied by an estimated 3,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia and, a few, with engineer insignia. On 13 November, trucks [redacted] each occupied by about 35 officers, entered the installation. On 24 November, five JS-2 tanks left the installation and were later seen at driving practice. On 26 November, six mortars were in the wooded area toward Luco. Five 76.2-mm field guns were in the barracks installation. In spite of unfavorable weather, there was intensive training activity. A firing range was being built on the road to Meinsdorf. On 28 November, about 400 to 500 troops armed with carbines and submachine guns were seen in the woods near Luco. The engineer training sites on the Elbe River were vacant. The cantonment buildings were guarded by small details. [redacted]

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- On 29 November, the cantonment east of Gross Kuehnau was occupied by an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. T-34 and JS tanks were seen under lean-to roofs. No training activity was observed. [redacted]

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3. Prior to 6 December, the barracks installation in Rossau was occupied by about 5,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, motor transport and signal insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets. Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 2 December, march practice and drill were performed in the barracks area. Ten groups each consisting of 1 NCO and 4 soldiers and other groups each of 6 troops were training with 82-mm mortars and 120-mm mortars respectively in the area northwest of the installation. Similar training was observed on 3 December. Five platoons each of 28 soldiers armed with rifles and carrying practice targets marched toward Rohrwinkel. Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 6 December, marksmanship training with carbines and training with 3 x 120-mm mortars was held in the area north of the installation.

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Comment. The information

confirms the bulk of the 7th Gds Tank Div in Dessau-Rosslau. A tank regiment of the division is quartered in the cantonment east of Gross Kuehnau. According to a previous report, it is not known whether this regiment is the 79th Gds Hv Tank ST Regt previously carried there.

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